

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 16 is amended as follows:

~~[Non-patent document 1]~~ See Hiroshi Maruyama et al., "Web Service Security (WS-Security)", April 5, 2002, Published by International Business Machines Corporation/Microsoft Corporation/VeriSign Incorporated.

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 20 is amended as follows:

~~[Non-patent document 2]~~ See Hiroshi Maruyama et al., "Web Service Federation Language (WS-Federation)", July 8, 2003, Published by International Business Machines Corporation/Microsoft Corporation/VeriSign Incorporated.